

Buttonwoods Fire District Open Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2006

Location: Buttonwoods Casino, 23 Eight St. Warwick, RI

Attendees: Supervisors: S. Fitzgerald, J. Taton, R. Remick

Treasurer: J. Suffrendini

Neighbors: B. Ross, J. Carbone, J. Farrell, P. Dorsey, J. Goldstein, S. Phipps,

Called to order at 1:00 PM

1) TREASURERS REPORT: Aggregate spending in line with budget. Insurance premiums reduced due to sprinkler system installation. To date, outlay for snow removal less than previous year.

2) SPRINKLER PROJECT: Executel company is being utilized for alarm answering system. Contact information for responding individuals was distributed.

3) CASINO CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT: No report.

4) CASINO OPERATIONS: Evidence of termites and powder post beetles were found at casino. The affected area is the underside of the front of the building (powder post) and in old wood laying in soil under the floor (termites). Inspection and estimates were obtained from two companies, Griggs and Terminex. After a review of estimates, guarantees, and delivery systems, Griggs was the preferred choice. Estimates for the possible removal of crawl space wood to be obtained from exterminator. Spot treatment will be the control system of choice for the beetles and a bait system for the termites, with periodic company inspection. Casino exterior padlock is to be replaced with new lock which does not allow keys to be

replicated. New keys will be distributed to the traditional authorized individuals as well as fire related service providers.

5)GROUNDS: Gravel will be chosen to replace the muddy school bus turn-around area at the Buttonwoods entrance. The area must be made available or large vehicles will eventually be backing into the planted island perimeter.

Spring grounds contract is expected to be renewed with William Ross pending his proposal.

The possibility of excessive or radical tree trimming of resident's trees by the Electric Company has been questioned. It is determined that the individual home owner should either contract with an arborist of their choice or attempt to attend and suggest sensitivity in any cutting done by the Electric Company workers.

Replacement of needed stop signs, deer crossing, and street signs are being addressed by Jay Farrell.

Temporary and Long term drainage issues in Janice Rd. area were discussed. Bill Ross shared his opinions on solutions and cost estimates. Considerations included contacting Beta representative Chris Cronin for removal and/or grading the debris left between Janice and Lorna roads. This would allow for better surface area drainage. Peter Dorsey will contact Chris. French drain possibility was presented by Sue Phipps' engineer. Cost estimate to be provided by Sue. Prior to considering costly repairs on the malfunctioning drainage pipe on Janice Rd., it will be inspected and flushed by a Router Service. Bill Ross volunteered to attend and observe the procedure in addition to offering options. Drain pipe

replacement may not be cost efficient (at this time) considering the road is scheduled to have sewer pipe excavation as soon as mid March of this year. Any drainage project undertaken would conform to any and all required PUC, DEM or CRMC guidelines and permits.

John Carbone requested we obtain a copy of Rocchio's road grading and contour plans in order to review areas which have or may develop surface water problems. After all roads receive their first cap from Rocchio or his subcontractor, contours may be reexamined and remedies further explored.

Ode Ct. drain area to be addressed regarding surface water flow into driveway.

7)GAS LINES: Sharon received 12 resident survey questionnaires out of 135 distributed who stated they would be willing to hook up to a natural gas pipeline for full service. The gas company related it was cost prohibitive for them to run the lines for such a small service base. Even if EVERY resident responded positively, they said the traditional follow through is only 60% of promised hookups. A Gas company Rep may be invited to our June meeting to answer any further questions.

8) TRANSITION PLANNING: Sharon expressed the thought that it may be beneficial for the new supervisor to be an individual who is available during some day times. Presently, Judy Taton and Bob Remick are not usually available to address supervisor issues during the day.

Next meeting to be at a date to be determined in March.

ADJOURNED 3:15 PM